Production of pulses and edible oils

†3824. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of pulses and oil seeds being produced in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether their production is less in comparison to the consumption;

(c) if so, in what manner requirement of edible oils and pulses is being met and the details of the requirement thereof; and

(d) the preparations made to raise the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) State-wise production of Pulses and oil seeds in the country during the year 1999-2000 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a gap between demand and supply of pulses and oil seeds in the Country.

(c) The gap between demand and supply of edible oil and pulses is generally met through import. As per the requirement of these commodities, the Planning Commission has fixed a production target of 270.00 lakh tonnes for oil seeds and 150.00 lakh tonnes for Pulses for the year 2000-2001.

(d) In order to increase the production of pulses and oil seeds, two centrally sponsored schemes namely National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) are in implementation in various States in the country. Under both the schemes financial assistance is provided on various inputs like production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture and PSB/Micro nutrients etc. in order to disseminate the production technology amoungst farmers, frontline demonstrations

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are organized by the I.C.A.R. besides, block and integrated pest management demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture. A new component of crash programme for quality seed production of groundnut and soybean has also been introduced during Ninth Plan. In order to meet the demand of seed during natural calamities, a seed bank programme has also been introduced during the Ninth Plan.

Statement

State-wise production of pulses and oil seeds in the country during the year 1999-2000

(In 000 tonnes)

Sl. No.	State	Pulses	Oil seeds
1.	Andhra Pradesh	761.1	1470.4
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.9	25.7
3.	Assam	64.7	147.9
4.	Bihar	713.1	191.4
5.	Goa	9.0	2.2
6.	Gujarat	405.6	1733.3
7.	Haryana	76.5	640.7
8.	Himachal Pradesh	18.1	9.3
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	26.4	51.0
10.	Karnataka	838.0	1243.6
11.	Kerala	19.1	6.3
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3796.9	5591.5
13.	Maharashtra	2188.4	2642.2
14.	Meghalaya	3.4	5.5
15.	Mizoram	7.0	7.1
16.	Manipur	—	1.2
17.	Nagaland	15.0	43.3
18.	Orissa	245.8	155.1
19.	Punjab	44.8	112.5
20.	Rajasthan	904.2	3578.5

1	2	3	4
21.	Sikkim	11.1	8.0
22.	Tamil Nadu	368.9	1511.5
23.	Tripura	4.1	5.5
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2599.2	1301.4
25.	West Bengal	216.8	383.7
26.	A & N Islands	0.5	—
27.	D & N Haveli	3.2	0.1
28.	Daman & Diu	1.3	—
29.	Delhi	0.1	0.7
30.	Pondicherry	3.0	2.0
31.	All India	13350.2	20871.6

Help to farmers

3825. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come to the conclusion that the farmers' woes of plenty are attributable mainly to transport constraints and restrictions on imports;

(b) if so, how far the prices of agricultural produce have fallen under these constraints; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The recent declining trend in the prices of certain agricultural commodities may by attributed mainly to increased availability by way of higher production and/imports and fall in international prices for major agricultural commodities like wheat, rice, edible oils, etc.

(b) The wholesale price index (WPI) for the week ending 31st March 2001 shows an annual fall in rice (2.4 per cent); wheat (4.0 per cent); jowar (22.5 per cent); bajra (26.1 per cent) maize (9.3 per cent); bariey (19.8 per cent); ragi (18.5 per cent); arhar (13.4 per cent); rapeseed/mustard (2.8 per cent); copra (21.1 per cent); gingley seed (16.8 per cent); etc.